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Report Highlights:

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Relevance for U.S agricultural exports

New EU food safety legislation initiatives will aim at integrating different policy areas such animal health and welfare, hygiene and food safety, and public health. As part of the [Animal Health Strategy for 2007-2013](#)³ entitled "Prevention is better than cure", the EC is working on a new Animal Health Law that will replace the current series of interrelated policy actions on animal health. This law will cover many different areas, such as intra-community trade, imports, animal disease control, animal nutrition and animal welfare; and the EC hopes to have it adopted in 2010. FAS/USEU will report in due time on this new legislative initiative and its potential impact on U.S. exports.

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¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/events/vetweek2008/vetweekprogramme.pdf>

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